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Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing once again with regard to the continued military hostilities committed by the Houthi militias and military units loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh on the Saudi border as well as within Saudi Arabia's territorial limits, in flagrant violation of the security and safety of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 2216 (2015).

I attach herewith a list of numerous attacks violating the 48-hour ceasefire declared on 19 November 2016, committed by Houthi-Saleh militias. The 328 violations took place between provinces in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including Najran, Jazan and the Yemeni side (see annex). These violations are risking the lives of the civilian population in Saudi Arabia and Yemen, as well as undermining all efforts to restore the peace and security in the region.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reaffirms its right to take all appropriate measures to respond to these aggressive acts, counter the attacks of the Iran-funded and backed Houthi-Saleh militias, and protect the security and safety of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and its people, and the region, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

We once again call upon the Security Council to condemn the unlawful acts by the Houthis and their allies and take appropriate measures against the countries supporting and associating with the Houthi militias and forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh in their crimes and their threat to the region's security and safety.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reiterates its support to the important work of the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Yemen, Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, to reach a comprehensive agreement to end the conflict in Yemen, in accordance with the Gulf Cooperation Council initiative and its implementation mechanism, the outcomes of the comprehensive National Dialogue Conference, and the relevant Security Council resolutions.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated to all members of the Council and issued as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 1 December 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

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Ceasefire violations by the enemy on our southern border in the Jazan sector from 1200 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438 to 1800 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438

Time	*Location*	*Hostile activity*	*Action taken*
1230 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Hostile personnel entered the Fadnah post	Dealt with
1330 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Machine-gun fire at border marker 43	Dealt with
1345 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Machine-gun fire behind Buyut al-Sharif	Dealt with
1725 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Two artillery shells landed at border marker 38	Dealt with
1735 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	55 mm machine-gun fire at border marker 49	Dealt with
1740 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	A mortar shell landed at border marker 14	Dealt with
1740 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	A mortar shell landed at border marker 8	Dealt with
1740 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	An artillery shell landed at border marker 38 (Siraj)	Dealt with
1758 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	A mortar shell landed on the village of Mi'zab.	Dealt with
1830 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	55 mm machine-gun fire at border marker 49	Dealt with
1830 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	55 mm machine-gun fire	Dealt with
1855 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Sniper fire behind border marker 27	Dealt with
1905 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Sniper fire at border markers 47 and 48	Dealt with
1920 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Personal-weapons fire intermittently from north of Julah	Dealt with
2017 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Two shells landed on Matlah	Dealt with

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2030 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	A shell landed in Matlah	Dealt with
2245 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Sniper fire opposite border marker 25	Dealt with
0646 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Anti-armour missiles opposite border marker 57	Dealt with
0654 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	55 mm gunfire at Julah	Dealt with
0706 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Two artillery shells landed on Khawiyah	Dealt with
0707 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Two artillery shells landed behind Jabal Tayyash	Dealt with
0740 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Hostile sniper fire at Qarn	Dealt with
0820 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	A mortar shell landed on Mabkharah	Dealt with
0829 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	A mortar shell landed on Mi'zab	Dealt with
0839 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	Machine-gun fire at Wadi Abdullah	Dealt with
0847 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Sniper fire at Fadnah	Dealt with
0858 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	55 mm machine-gun fire at Malhamah	Dealt with
0912 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Sniper fire at Malhamah	Dealt with
0925 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	An artillery shell landed on Mi'zab	Dealt with
1029 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	55 mm machine gun fire opposite border marker 44	Dealt with
1506 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	55 mm machine-gun fire at Hillah	Dealt with
1614 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 1	55 mm machine-gun opposite Qushur	Dealt with
1614 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Direct fire at Khawiyah	Dealt with
1623 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Hostile sniper fire at Khawiyah	Dealt with
1720 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	A shell landed on Kurs	Dealt with
1730 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Jazan 2	Two shells landed behind border marker 42	Dealt with

Ceasefire violations by the enemy on our southern border in the Najran sector from 1200 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438 to 1800 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438

Time	*Location*	*Hostile activity*	*Action taken*
1220 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A hostile shell landed opposite the Naffakh observation post at border marker 246	Dealt with
1230 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A hostile shell landed next to the rear entrance to Thuwaylah	Dealt with
1230 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at the Waqbah observation post	Dealt with
1235 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at the Waqbah observation post	Dealt with
1235 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at Waqbah emplacement 12	Dealt with
1235 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper, RPG and mortar fire at Sakha (Nimr 24/Nimr 32)	Dealt with
1245 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Eight shells landed on Sahwah, Ufqah, Hisn, Sahn and Namsah	Dealt with
1245 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at Nimr 17	Dealt with
1245 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Two RPGs landed on Sahwah and Athin	Dealt with
1245 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A shell landed on the Athin observation post	Dealt with
1315 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Sniper fire at Qu'ayqa' observation post 5	Dealt with
1320 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	50 mm fire opposite the Miraghi al-Qadimah observation post	Dealt with
1345 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Direct fire at the Ahmad observation post	Dealt with
1350 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Sniper fire at the Sahwah observation post	Dealt with
1249 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A hostile shell fell on the Athin observation post	Dealt with
1416 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at Waqbah emplacement 10	Dealt with

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1425 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Sniper fire at the Asharah observation post	Dealt with
1455 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Shells landed behind Qu'ayqa' 9 and Qu'ayqa' 11	Dealt with
1510 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Sniper fire at Qu'ayqa' 9 and Qu'ayqa' 11	Dealt with
1522 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Ghayth observation post	Dealt with
1547 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Intensive fire from two hostile snipers at Nimr 10 and Nimr 11 at Waqbah observation post	Dealt with
1615 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Sahwah observation post	Dealt with
1637 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Hostile sniper fire sniper fire at Nimr emplacement 10 at the Waqbah observation post	Dealt with
1635 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A hostile shell landed between the Saudi Nimr observation post and the Dhiyab observation post	Dealt with
1700 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Six shells landed at Nimr 16 in Makhruq, injuring an officer and a private from the national forces	Dealt with
1710 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Two mortar shells landed near Brigade Group 4 command	Dealt with
1712 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	One mortar shell landed south of the Asharah observation post	Dealt with
1727 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Sulfah observation post	Dealt with
1730 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Two mortar shells landed south of Shurfah	Dealt with
1730 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A hostile shell fell in front of Sha'b al-Qawm	Dealt with
1734 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Dab'ah observation post	Dealt with

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1740 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A mortar shell landed south of the Athin observation post	Dealt with
1742 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Sahwah observation post	Dealt with
1745 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Four RPGs and sniper fire at the Misyal observation post	Dealt with
1800 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Shells fell on the Asharah, Azab and Waqbah observation posts	Dealt with
1929 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	RPG fire on the Jurf al-Haddad observation post	Dealt with
1940 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Hostile anti-aircraft fire south of Shu'ayb al-Salah	Dealt with
1950 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Hostile sniper fire at Nimr 10	Dealt with
2000 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Hostile sniper fire at the Waqbah observation post	Dealt with
2030 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	50 mm machine-gun fire opposite the Miraghi al-Qadimah observation post	Dealt with
2045 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Machine-gun fire at the Ahmad observation post	Dealt with
2100 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Sniper fire at the Sahwah observation post	Dealt with
2130 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Intensive sniper fire sniper fire at Waqbah observation post and Nimr emplacement 10	Dealt with
2322 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Hostile sniper fire at Nimr 25	Dealt with
2230 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Hostile sniper fire at the Tha'r observation post	Dealt with
0010 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran (2)	Hostile sniper fire at Nimr observation post 22 and Nimr 2	Dealt with
0015 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Hostile sniper fire at Qu'ayqa' 4 and Qu'ayqa' 5	Dealt with
0016 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	RPG landed on Nimr observation post 30	Dealt with

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0016 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 2	Hostile sniper fire at the Nimr observation post 16	Dealt with
0303 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Hostile sniper fire at Qu'ayqa' observation post 5	Dealt with
0350 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 3	Hostile sniper fire at Qu'ayqa' observation post 5	Dealt with
0637 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A shell landed on the Sihab observation post	Dealt with
0850 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A shell fell on the at the Dab'ah observation post, killing a soldier	Dealt with
0902 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	Hostile sniper fire at the Dhiyab observation post	Dealt with
1940 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Najran 1	A shell landed on the Thuwaylah observation post	Dealt with

Ceasefire violations by the enemy in the Yemeni interior from 1200 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438 to 1800 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438

Time	*Location*	*Hostile activity*	*Action taken*
1227 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Sahn al-Watan	Rocket launched	Detected but not intercepted
1331 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Sahn al-Watan	Rocket launched	Detected but not intercepted
1400 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Midi	23 mm machine-gun fire at electric plant injured four privates from forces loyal to the legitimate Government	Dealt with
1445 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Midi	Fire at the 82nd Brigade from a BMP armoured combat vehicle	Dealt with
1209-1242 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Jawf (Silan camp, Maslub, Matun, Ham, Wadi Aqabah and Sabrayn)	17 violations (artillery shelling, mortar fire, fire from a BMP armoured combat vehicle, direct fire, RPG fire, fire from a BTR armoured personnel carrier, artillery fire, howitzer fire and 23 mm artillery fire)	Dealt with
Ongoing	Ta'izz (all fronts)	Fire at posts belonging to the army and the legitimate opposition on all fronts in Ta'izz	Dealt with
1530-1615 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Ta'izz (the Shu'ubah area in Ma'afir and Salw)	Katyusha rocket landed in the Shu'ubah area in Ma'afir, and artillery shelling (howitzers and mortars) of the city centre from Tabbat al-Silal and Ja'shah	Dealt with
1217-1715 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Sana'a (Furdat Naham)	12 violations (shelling from various weapons, 23 and 12.7 mm artillery fire)	Dealt with

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1230-1715 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Ta'izz (Wadi al-Tabaddud, Muhafazah neighbourhood, Hawd neighbourhood, Mafalis, Shu'ubah, Ma'afir, the water plant, Tha'bat, Damghah, Bayt al-Makhlu', Tabbat al-Khazzan, the Ashbat neigbourhood, the Sha'b school area)	27 violations, including shelling from tanks, mortars, howitzers and Katyusha rockets; strikes from 12.7 mm and 14.5 mm machine-gun fire, killing two and injuring two others	Dealt with
1800-2000 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Midi	Mortar fire at the electric plant; three rockets fired at the Yemeni Army loyal to the legitimate Government	Dealt with
1700 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Buq', Zafin and Khashba'	Ceasefire violated by the enemy with several mortar shells against our forces deployed at the location	Dealt with
1800 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Ma'rib (Bayhan and Harib)	Shelling of some opposition and brigade posts by BMP infantry attack vehicles; enemy reinforced by five pickup trucks arriving via Qandha' pass at 1700 hours	Dealt with
2320 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Midi (10th Brigade and 2nd Border Guard Brigade)	Katyusha rockets fired	Dealt with
0035 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Ma'rib (Bayhan and Harib)	Shelling of brigade posts and attached opposition forces loyal to the legitimate Government (Katyusha rockets, artillery and mortar shells)	Dealt with

Time	*Location*	*Hostile activity*	*Action taken*
1500-2355 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Aden (Jabal al-Shawkah, city centre, Salw, lower Tabbat al-Aryal, Zunuj, Tabbat al-Khazzan, Tabbat Yasin, Madabi, Usayfirah, Mukalkal, the military quarter, Dabab, the 35th Brigade, Sawma'ah and Wadi Salah)	141 violations involving various weapons (howitzers, tanks, 14.5 machine guns, Katyusha rockets, mortars, 23 mm anti-aircraft guns, snipers, B-10 guns and RPGs)	Dealt with
0030 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Midi sector, against the 10th Brigade and 2nd Border Guard Brigade	Five Katyusha rockets and two artillery shells fired	Dealt with
1720-2355 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Ta'izz (Salw, Zunuj, city centre, Dabab, military quarter, Zahrah neighbourhood)	132 violations involving various weapons (Katyushas, artillery, machine-gun fire, tank shelling)	Dealt with
1700-1945 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	Sana'a (Naham)	Mortar shelling, artillery shelling, direct fire	Dealt with
1209-1748 hours on 19 Safar A.H. 1438	On the Fil, Maslub, Matun, Aqabah and Sabrin fronts	Mortar, artillery and howitzer shells	Dealt with
0005 hours on 20 Safar A.H. 1438	Sahn al-Watan	Rocket launched	Detected and intercepted